

I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a meeting of the Common Council to order at 7:10 PM.

- A. Introduction of Page** – Ariel Gutana is a 6th grader at Schmitt Elementary School.
- B.** The Mayor introduced **Bethany Dickerson, the winner of the Human Rights Poster art contest**. She and her family were present for t her recognition as she was unable to be at the Human Right s Annual Dinner last month.
- C. Opening Prayer** was given by Clerk Treasurer John Baughn.
- D. Pledge** - The Mayor led pledge of Allegiance.
- E. Roll Call:** Present: John Brown, Ann DeVore, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, and August Tindell. Absent: George Dutro was out of state.
- F. Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting** – John Brown moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Ann DeVore seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

There was no unfinished business.

III. New Business requiring Council Action

Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.____, 2002, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (Quality Machine and Tool Works, Inc.) Jidy Jackson introduced Richard Malanoski, Controller of the company, who gave a brief history about the company. This is company’s second request for abatement and it involves over \$300,000 of investment while creating 3 new jobs. Craig Hawes stated that the Incentive Review Committee had review the application and found Quality Machine and Tool Works to be in substantial compliance. **Craig Hawes moved to approve the resolution. Ann DeVore3 seconded. The motion passed with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports** were given for informational purposes.

Craig Hawes asked that the Mayor consider placing a discussion on the agenda of future meeting to discuss various issues pertaining to the tax abatement application process and the filing process with the state. He would like to have the council explore the idea of an application fee.

- B. Regular Meeting Scheduled for September 3** will be postponed to **September 10** in order to have the latest information we can have regarding revenues for the 2003 budget discussion. The second September meeting will be **Thursday, September 19, 2002** for final reading of the budget that must be passed by September 20, 2002.
- C. Adjourn** – **Martha Myers moved for adjournment. John Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at approximately 7:35 PM.**

Attest:

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer